

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) issued the following statement after House Democrats ignored the basic responsibility of offering a five-year budget by instead proposing a procedural resolution that caps federal discretionary spending for just this year at \$1.12 trillion. Passing a five-year budget would have forced Congress to project annual deficits during that period and allowed lawmakers to offer proposals to control spending and balance the budget. The Hill newspaper in Washington said that the Democrats' move ["kicks tough decisions down the road."](#) Herger's comments follow below:

"Governing responsibly and tackling our nation's alarming national debt begins with a budget – a roadmap for our future. Unfortunately, House Democrats have failed to even offer a budget—an unprecedented action in the House—and have decided to ignore the hard reality of our debt crisis. The majority party is understandably hesitant to reveal anticipated deficits over the next five years. Since President Obama took office, government spending has increased by eighty-four percent and has undermined our economic recovery. The American people know that the President and Democrat majority in Congress have our nation on an unsustainable path that is choking our economic prosperity and putting an unbearable burden on our future generations."